condition/concepts model as well as technology was considered necessary before further exploratory drilling could be undertaken.

Purchase of Safety Equipment by ONGC

1201. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been deferring the decision for more than a year now on the tender inquiry floated by it for the purchase and supply of safety boots and other safety equipment to staff and workers of the ONGC;

(b) whether the ONGC has been seeking number of extension of pariod of validity of offers from the various participants of the tender;

(c) whether delay is likely to cause increase in prices *of* procurement and deprive the employees of their safety while on jobs; and

(d) what immediate action is proposed to be taken now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) In the case of a tender invited by ONGC Headquarters, Dehradun for entering into rate contract for supply of safety shoes, the bidders were asked to extend the validity of their offers four times as the samples were required to be laboratory tested to ensure their conformity with safety regulations.

(c) and (d) The safety of the workers is not affected in any way as they are already provided with safety shoes as per norms, procured by the Regional Offices/Projects of ONGC.

Additional supply of LPG/Petrol/ Diesel to Haryana

1202. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to supply additional quantities of LPG/patrol and diesel to dealers in view of the coming crop season in Haryana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The demand of LPG/petrol and diesel in the country including Haryana is, by and large, being met in full.

1203. *[Transferred to 10th May,* 1993]

पैराफिन वैक्स का उत्पादन

1204. **श्री कामेश्वर पासवान : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :**

(क) देश में गैर-सरकारी और सरकारी क्षेत्र में श्रेणी-1,2 और 3 के पैराफिन वैक्स का कुल कितना उत्पादन हुआ है और देश में इसकी कुल कितनी मांग है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यद्यपि देश के पैराफिन वैक्स मांग की पूर्ति देशी उत्पादन द्वारा की जा सकती है तथापि इसका अन्य देश से आयात किया जाता है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो के मानक के अनुसार ऐसे उद्योगों की जिन्हें आयातित श्रेणी पैराफिन वैक्स सप्लाई किया जाता है, मांग की पूर्ति श्रेणी-3 के पैराफिन वैक्स द्वारा की जा सकती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो पैराफिन वैक्स का आयात किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं और गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इसके आयात पर वर्ष-वार कितनी